

Workers' Compensation Oversight Panel (Panel)
August 10, 2015

MINUTES

Location: Department of Labor Fox Valley Annex

Called to Order: 4:12 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Barry Bakst, Doug Briggs, Glenn Brown, Lee Dotson, Harding Drane, Anthony Frabizzio, Richard Heffron (Chair), Christopher Kenny, Joseph Rhoades (Vice Chair), Bruce Rudin, Theresa Smith, Joseph Straight, John McMahon. **Administration:** Stephanie Parker, Susan Justison (DOL); Oliver Cleary (DAG), Allan Schwartz [(AIS Risk Consultants)(via telephone)]; OptumInsight (via telephone).

Record of Votes Taken:

1. Mr. Heffron made a motion to approve the 04/20/2015 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
2. Mr. Rhoades made a motion to approve suggested regulatory changes to include Pharmacy and Anesthesia in the 2016 and 2017 fee schedule reductions. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Actions Agreed Upon:

1. Ms. Parker to coordinate with DCRB regarding Pre and Post filing meetings.
2. Ms. Parker, Terry Smith and Mr. Rhoades to contact Deb Laughhead for information on what payments has been made for State of DE WC claims before as well as after the 1015 changes to the fee schedule.
3. E-mail from Wayne Smith addressing the review of the DCRB data by the hospital actuaries to be forwarded to Allan Schwartz
4. Survey of other states to determine why cases in Delaware stay open longer than most other states.
5. Ms. Parker to forward results from Terry Smith to Allan Schwartz.
6. Allan Schwartz to draft survey letters to be sent to ASC's and hospitals to be reviewed by Bruce Rudin and Wayne Smith.

Public Comment:

1. Tim Wisecarver from DCRB introduced Bill Taylor, President Elect of DCRB. Mr. Taylor his professional biography.
 - a. DCRB Filing to be submitted before Mr. Wisecarver retires.
 - b. Pre and Post filing meetings to discuss filing

Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Future Panel Meeting Dates – DOL Fox Valley Annex:

Monday, September 21, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Future Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

Fee Schedule/Practice Guideline Subcommittee: Monday, September 21, 2015